

Proclamation

Peace embraces the deepest hopes of all people and remains humanity's guiding inspiration. In 1981, the United Nations proclaimed the International Day of Peace to be "devoted to commemorating and strengthening the ideas of peace both within and among all nations and peoples."

The United Nations expanded the observance of the International Day of Peace in 2001 to include the call for a global ceasefire and non-violence during this day. They invited all nations and people to honor a cessation of hostilities in honor of the International Day of Peace.

There is growing support within our nation for the observance of a day that affirms a vision of our world at peace and fosters cooperation between individuals, organizations and nations. Global crises impel all citizens to work toward converting humanity's noblest aspirations for world peace into a practical reality for future generations.

Building on our islands' values of aloha, cultural respect and sense of community, the people of Hawai'i have the opportunity to promote communication and understanding between many countries. Moreover, our state's cross-cultural exchanges serve as an example of peaceful acceptance of ethnic differences.

THEREFORE, I, LINDA LINGLE, Governor of the State of Hawai'i, and I, JAMES R. "DUKE" AIONA, JR., Lieutenant Governor, do hereby proclaim September 21, 2006, as

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE

in Hawai'i, and encourage all citizens to commemorate this day in their homes, places of employment and communities.

Done at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this nineteenth day of September 2006.

Linda Lingle

Governor, State of Hawai'i

James R. "Duke" Aiona, Jr.

Lieutenant Governor, State of Hawai'i